

The Hermitage (Residence)
(Near) Blue Stores
Columbia County, New York

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THE HERMITAGE (RESIDENCE)
TOWN OF LIVINGSTON, NEAR LINLITHGO
COLUMBIA, COUNTY, N.Y.
NEAR BLUE STORES

OWNER OR CUSTODIAN: Occupied by "Framerettes" from
Barnard College.

DATE OF ERECTION: 1777

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Built by Peter R. Livingston

PRESENT CONDITION: Fair

NUMBER OF STORIES: One story and cellar, with one or two
rooms in the attic partially finished off
for bedrooms.

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION: brick exterior walls, wood floors,
interior walls plaster, tin roof.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS: Helen Wilkinson Reynolds, "Dutch
Homes in the Hudson Valley". Page
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ADDITIONAL DATA: With the expectation of becoming, in the course
of nature, the fourth lord of Livingston Manor,
Peter R. Livingston began to build for himself
a handsome house $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of the Manor
House. That was just before the War of the
Revolution began or during its early stages.
The walls of the new house (built of brick on a
large ground area) had reached the height of the
first story and a great stairway had been
placed in the main hall when hostilities halted
construction. A makeshift roof was placed over
the walls and the owner retired in deep gloom to
this peculiar dwelling, to which the name "The
Hermitage" was given.
It is no longer owned by the family and is
occupied by tenants.